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Considering the interest that the United Nations is showing in having a worldwide information system,

Bearing in mind that the Government of the Netherlands has made donations for the purpose of establishing a Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES) in ECLA, and that these donations have been accepted by the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of the Netherlands for its generous donation;
2. Recommends that the secretariat of the Commission should give the greatest possible emphasis to its documentation and information work in the economic and social spheres, and should furnish the Governments of the countries members of the Commission with whatever results may be of interest to them;
3. Stresses the need for the Latin American countries to have up-to-date national systems of economic, social, scientific, statistical and technological information;
4. Recommends that the Governments should help, through the regular and systematic transmission of information, exchanges of experts and the granting of donations and fellowships and in any other way, to strengthen the CLADES regional documentation system which has been set up within ECLA;
5. Recommends that CLADES should develop a programme for providing the countries that request it with technical assistance in the establishment of national centres for economic and social documentation.

160th meeting,
6 May 1971.

304 (XIV). LATIN AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHIC CENTRE 43/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting with satisfaction the work done by the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) since 1957 in training Latin American specialists in population analysis techniques, promoting research on population questions and providing assistance to Governments in the region, which has helped towards understanding the impact of demographic factors on development efforts in these countries,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 2211 (XXI) on growth and economic development, which calls upon the regional economic commissions to assist in further developing and strengthening national and regional facilities for training, research, information and advisory services in the field of population,

Considering that the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning has been operating successfully as an autonomous agency under the aegis of the

43/ See para. 456 above.

Commission., in accordance with ECLA resolution 220 (AC.52), thus providing a valuable precedent and a proof of the effectiveness of this type of legal status,

Taking note of the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to extend supplementary assistance to CELADE for a further period of three years as from 1 May 1971 and of the decision of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) to give financial support to CELADE's activities, which means that CELADE's activities will be financed without additional cost to the United Nations regular budget,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme and to the governmental and non-governmental organizations whose generous contributions have enabled CELADE to continue its operations up to now;

2. Also expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for the financial support they have decided to give CELADE from 1971 onwards;

3. Considers that CELADE's continued activities in the region are a most valuable complement to the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America;

4. Recognizes CELADE as an autonomous agency under the aegis of the Commission and requests it to continue to extend and improve its teaching, research and advisory activities in the field of population;

5. Suggests to the United Nations Development Programme and to the Governments members of CELADE that, in the Plan of Operations for the supplementary phase, the structure of CELADE and its financial and administrative arrangements should be adapted to its new legal status.

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305 (XIV). CARIBBEAN REGIONAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMME 44/

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering that the countries of the Caribbean subregion have made a major effort towards regional economic integration,

Bearing in mind that the establishment and growth of the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) has contributed to an expansion of trade and co-operation among these countries,

Taking into account the assistance and co-operation given to member Governments of CARIFTA by the ECLA Office for the Caribbean,

Aware of the increasing importance of the evaluation of economic and social development for the implementation of national and subregional plans and programmes,

44/ See para. 513 above.